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ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

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Illinois Commerce Commission
RAIL SAFETY SECTION

CITY OF SAVANNA, By
Eugene T. Flack, Mayor

-VS-

I&M RAIL LINK

and

STATE OF ILLINOIS, DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION, DIVISION OF
HIGHWAYS

T01-0017

Petition for an order regarding construction of an
overhead bridge carrying the Great River Trail
Shared Use Path over the tracks of the I&M Rail
Link in Savanna, Carroll County, Illinois.

TO THE ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION:

Now comes the Petitioner, City of Savanna, Illinois, by Eugene T. Flack, its duly
appointed and qualified Mayor and respectfully represents:

1. That the Respondent, the I&M Rail Link (hereinafter referred to as the Railroad) in
the operation of their facilities has certain main line tracks running through petitioning City.
2. The Construction of the Shared Use Path in Savanna is an important link in the
completion of the Great River Trail that will eventually extend from Rock Island, Illinois to the
Mississippi Palisades State Park north of Savanna, Illinois, and it is necessary for the safety and
security of the public.

DOCKETED

3. That the Petitioner proposes to construct said overhead crossing for purposes of the public health, safety, welfare, convenience and necessity as shown on the prints of Exhibit marked "1", attached hereto and made a part hereof.

4. That the Great River Trail will carry pedestrian, bicycle and other recreational traffic at time of completion and that a portion of the traffic is statewide in nature.

5. That railroad traffic is of moderate volume and is comprised of 12 freight trains per day over 2 mainline tracks.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays that the Commission will enter an order without hearing:

(a) Authorizing construction of a grade separation structure, its approaches, and incidental work. The cost of the improvement will be paid for by the Illinois Department of Transportation, Illinois Department of Natural Resources and the City of Savanna.

DATED at Savanna, Illinois this 5th day of March, A.D., 2001.

CITY OF SAVANNA

BY Eugene T. Haddock
Mayor

VERIFICATION

I, Eugene T. Flack, first being duly sworn upon oath depose and say that I am Mayor, Savanna, Illinois; that I have read the above and foregoing petition by me subscribed and know the contents thereof; that said contents are true in substance and in fact; except as to those matters stated upon information and belief, and as to those, I believe same to be true.

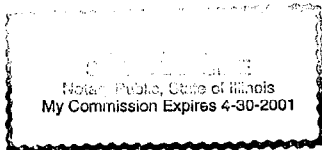
I do hereby certify that a copy of the petition in the above-entitled matter was duly served upon Scott Woodward, Chief Engineer, I&M Rail Link, 1910 East Kimberly Road, Davenport, Iowa 52807, and Mr. James C. Slifer, Director, Division of Highways, Illinois Department of Transportation, 2300 South Dirksen Parkway, Springfield, Illinois 62764, by mailing the same to them postage prepaid, at the U.S. Post Office, Savanna, Illinois, on the 5th day of March, A.D., 2001.

Eugene T. Flack

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

5th day of March, 2001.

Sheryl L. Dipe
Notary Public, Illinois



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MEETING MEMORANDUM

Project: Great River Trail
Section 93-00028-00-BT
Savanna, Illinois
WHA#D893

Date: November 8, 2000

Place: City Hall, Savanna, Illinois

Present: See Attached List
Eugene Flack, Mayor, City of Savanna
Dennis McFadden, Savanna Park District
Jerry Hinrichs, WH&A
Mike Leslie, WH&A
Paul Hartman, City of Savanna
Chuck Lund, I&M Rail Link
Tommy L. Thompson, BNSF
Jeff Conklin, BNSF

Purpose: Project Meeting

DISCUSSION AND ACTION:

1. The meeting was called to order by Jerry Hinrichs. Attendance sheet was circulated and a brief history of project was given.
2. Tom Thompson asked what our minimum clearance from the tracks would be, and noted that if we are within 25' at any time, we will need a flagman. He also noted that the Roadmaster, Greg Goy, should be contacted to have flagmen scheduled. Greg's number is 309-345-6212. Greg should be contacted a couple weeks in advance of the project beginning, and flagmen set up on a day to day basis from there.

Chuck Lund noted that we will need a flagman for their line if we are within 30', and that we should contact him. Chuck will need 3 working days notice, and the cost for the flagman will be \$350/day. Tom Thompson thought that BNSF flagmen would have about the same charge out rate.

3. Mike Leslie asked what the probability of using the BNSF access along the track from Chicago Ave. to the BNSF - I&M intersection, as needed, as a haul road for bring in and hauling out temporary fill required in the wet area south of the I&M tracks. Tom did not think that would be a problem as long as there was a flagman on site, but said that the decision is not his. We will need to work with their land management department, specifically Cheryl Towlian. Tom will call me with Cheryl's phone number and address.
4. Jerry Hinrichs brought up the construction, cost and location of a temporary crossing over the I&M tracks for placement of the temporary fill and construction of the bridge. Chuck said we should contact him about construction and an estimate of cost to be put in the contract. Chuck said the minimum crossing width is 16', but based on the equipment needed for hauling fill and constructing the bridge, he thought a 24' wide crossing was warranted.
5. Tom Thompson said the BNSF signal lines that are in conflict should be dead by late May of 2001. BNSF is putting in a new signal system that will run through the tracks. They will remove the abandon lines from the poles we want removed, and then we can take the poles down as needed. It was decided that we should plan on removing all of the signal poles between the BNSF tracks and the marina from Chicago Ave. south up to and including the last pole north of the I&M tracks.
6. Jerry Hinrichs asked what the fees would be for easements in the I&M R.O.W. Chuck Lund said he did not know, and that we would need to contact Kelly Dodson at Washington Corporation about that.
7. Chuck Lund said his only comment on the clearances shown on our plan and profile sheet is that the 23' min. clearance above the rail should be 8'-6" from the center of the tracks, not 6' as shown. Chuck said the 52' minimum horizontal clearance from the center of the tracks to the piers was more than adequate.

8. Chuck Lund said that the I&M would take care of relocating the overhead wires which will conflict with the bridge.
9. Jeff Conklin asked if anything was planned to improve access for semis from Chicago Ave. onto the recreational path alignment. He noted that it is a tight turn, and that there have been accidents at the Chicago Ave. crossing in the past due to vehicles stopped on the tracks by turning trucks. Dennis McFadden said that some fence at the corner of the marina property could be removed to provide more room. Other options will also be investigated.
10. Paul Hartman said that letters should be sent to the railroads to be sure it is clear what is asked of them for approvals, easements, access, etc. Paul also asked that all correspondence for the project be copied to the Savanna Park District.
11. Tom Thompson asked if the path would be fenced from the BNSF tracks the entire time it parallels them. Mike Leslie said it would be fenced and that the bridge would be fenced on both sides and on top.
12. Mayor Flack asked if there were any other recreational paths with a bridge as long as the one we will be constructing. Mike and Jerry said they did not know, but they would look into it. The mayor and Paul thought it would be interesting to note that the path has the largest structure on it.
13. Mayor Flack noted that the funding for the construction was allocated last week in the amount of \$1.52 million.
14. There will be three (3) land transfers to complete the project. Park District, I&M Rail Link and Corps of Engineers to City of Savanna.
15. Willett Hofmann & Associates, Inc. will proceed with 4f statement and environmental approval since it appears the railroads and park district have only minor revisions to the preliminary alignment and concur with the railroad grade separation structure.

This memorandum constitutes our interpretation of matters discussed and decisions reached.

If you have any corrections or additions, please advise in writing immediately.

Submitted by:

Mike Leslie
Willett Hofmann & Associates, Inc.

Cc: All Present
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